

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2004, applicants hereby elect the inventions of Group I identified by the Examiner as including Claims 1-13.

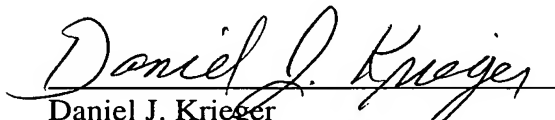
Applicants have also added claims 20 and 21, and have amended claims 14-19, each of which ultimately depends from claim 1, and not for any reason related to patentability.

As such, following the invention restriction, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-21 are appropriate for consideration and allowance. Applicants reserve the right to pursue non-elected claims 14-19 as originally presented.

If necessary, applicant requests that this response be considered a request for an extension of time appropriate for the response to be timely filed. Applicant requests that any required fees needed beyond those submitted with this response be charged to the deposit account of Bose McKinney & Evans, Deposit Account No. 02-3223.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below should any question or comments arise during the course of consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,


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